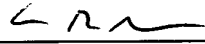


Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments. Early and favorable action on the pending set of claims is earnestly solicited.

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Please amend the claims by adding underlined material and deleting bracketed material as follows:

4 (amended). A bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 which is a modified filamentous bacteriophage.

5 (amended). A bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1 which is a modified M13 bacteriophage.

6 (amended). A bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 5] claim 1 wherein said first component of said recombinant protein is derived from the protein responsible for adsorption of the unmodified form of said bacteriophage to bacterial pili.

7 (amended). A bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 6] claim 1 wherein said second component of said recombinant protein comprises a ScFv polypeptide.

8 (amended). A bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 7] which is a modified M13 bacteriophage wherein said first component of said recombinant protein is derived from the g3p protein.

10 (amended). A bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1 for use in the treatment or prophylaxis of Helicobacter pylori infection wherein the antibody variable region sequences of said recombinant polypeptide are variable region sequences of a monoclonal antibody selected from the monoclonal antibodies of hybridoma cell lines 5F8 (ECACC No.95121524), 2H6 (ECACC No. 95121526) and 5D8 (ECACC No.95121527).

12 (amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising a bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

13 (amended). A method for treatment of a bacterial infection in a mammal which comprises administering a bacteriophage of claim 1 to said mammal [or pharmaceutical composition according to any one of the preceding claims].

14 (amended). Use of a bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 11] claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of a mucosal bacterial infection.

12 (amended). A pharmaceutical composition comprising a bacteriophage as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.